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WEATHER & CROPS



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WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2014

A cold front moved across the Old Dominion this week. Temperature lows were in the 30s, with some locations reporting lows in the 20s. In the Blue Ridge Mountains, 2 to 3 inches of snow were reported; however, overall precipitation was scattered and light. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Farmers made good progress on the soybean harvest. Early planted soybean yields were coming in lower than late planted beans due to the dry weather experienced in June. Flue-cured tobacco growers wrapped up the harvest this week, and just in time before frost damage. In addition to the soybean and tobacco harvest, producers made favorable progress with the corn, peanuts, and cotton harvest. Other farming activities for the week included selling cattle, planting small grains and cover crops, sampling soil, applying lime, scheduling winter educational meetings, and making seed purchase plans for next year.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 2, 2014	2	19	74	5
October 26, 2014	2	19	73	6
October 19, 2014	3	19	65	13
October 12, 2014	7	28	56	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 2, 2014	5	23	69	3
October 26, 2014	6	22	69	3
October 19, 2014	6	23	66	5
October 12, 2014	9	28	59	4

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CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	0	5	22	62	11
Barley	0	0	17	75	8
Cotton	0	0	1	77	22
Livestock	1	6	27	54	12
Hay, Alfalfa	0	20	34	42	4
Hay, Other	3	18	33	43	3

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT – WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
Cotton Bolls Opening	99	96	100	100
Cotton Harvested	36	23	34	57
Peanuts Dug	100	95	100	95
Peanuts Harvested	90	72	87	80
Corn for Grain Harvested	88	82	93	93
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	95	93	93	97
Soybeans Harvested	44	33	38	41
Winter Wheat Seeded	42	35	52	56
Barley Seeded	88	76	86	91
Flue-Cured Tobacco Harvested	98	93	100	98
All Apples Harvested	87	81	na	na

VIRGINIA WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING November 2, 2014

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 To Nov 1	Mar. 1 to Nov 1 Norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	67	38	82	34	52	0	3942	3843	0.03	5.21	-2.12	39.21	2.22
Norfolk	69	50	83	42	59	2	4664	4320	0.40	10.81	3.20	43.23	3.57
Richmond	70	44	85	38	57	3	4605	4181	0.06	4.03	-3.72	29.71	-7.89
Roanoke	66	41	83	34	54	1	4015	na	0.49	5.15	-1.90	33.72	-2.93
Wash/Dulles	64	39	82	33	52	1	3689	na	0.05	3.96	-3.37	40.15	4.62

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY

Comments are based on comments reported by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

FREDERICK (Jeanette Smith)

Producers are busy getting soybeans harvested, waiting to start their corn harvesting. Weather has been cool and rain in the forecast.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Warm and dry conditions prevailed this week with a cold front Friday night bringing light rain, but not enough to alleviate some dry top soil conditions. Monday morning at last brought the first heavy frost to the entire county this fall.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Joan Poore)

Good harvesting weather for corn and soybeans. Wed pm and Sat am was cloudy and drizzle of rain halted harvest, but the breezy conditions picked up that helped continue with harvest.

CHESTERFIELD (Joan Poore)

A good week for harvest soybeans.

EASTERN

GLOUCESTER (David Moore)

Land prep for small grain planting and cover crops. Corn harvest just about over, some scattered fields still waiting. Corn harvest was very good and so are soybeans. Early soybeans were hurt in some fields due to late June dry weather. Soil sampling and lime spreading continues. Seed corn sales have begun. Plans for winter educational meetings beginning also.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Higher elevations in the county received 2-3 inches of snow Friday night/Saturday morning with temperatures well down into in the 20's.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Widespread cold snap and freezing temperatures this weekend. Cattle producers getting ready for VQA and VAPAH sales.

SOUTHERN

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

Flue-cured came in just before first real frost. Young wheat is greening up the cleaned up tobacco fields. Bean harvesting is just beginning. The crop looks good. Could use a little more rain for pasture growth, but need it to stay dry for bean harvest too. Animals look decent, but some more pasture growth would be helpful. Cover crops are going in. Things are pretty swell all in all.

SOUTHEASTERN

SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)

Fall harvest continues at a rapid pace with yields reported as good or higher in some area. Most growers are very pleased. Soybean harvest has gotten off to a fast pace along with cotton picking. Small grain planting is off to a slow start.